



Docket No. 1948-4541

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): GAUTIER et al.

Group Art Unit: 2834

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Examiner: Karl TAMAI

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For: A SUPPORT PLINTH FOR A POWER DIODE IN A MOTOR VEHICLE
ALTERNATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted with a request for a continued prosecution application (CPA). Prior to examination on the merits of the above-referenced application, consideration of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time accompanies this response. In the event that any additional fees are necessitated by this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1948-4541.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended): A plinth for supporting a diode having a casing
consisting of metal that is welded on the plinth, the plinth including